

# THE GLEICHEN CALL

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## GLEICHEN EXPECTS TO REACH LOAN QUOTA THIS WEEKEND

Well, we are in the last week—the last day of the campaign, let's just put a little more thought into the Victory Loan and get Gleichen in the front position she occupied in the last loan. Keep up the good name by putting every idle dollar you have to work—remember every dollar you put in the loan makes Hitler holler. Reports reaching us from the armed forces are remarkable and really make us wonder if we are doing our bit. These boys are going to do our fighting for us, and also they are giving us support on this loan that is beyond our fondest dreams. For instance we had that two platoons in one of the services had 100 per cent sign up in a day, but Hitler should not ask us—he'd tell us.

Up to last night Gleichen had approximately \$2,500 more than it reached its objective. There will be no doubt about it the amount will be over-subscribed by closing time. It was on Saturday night, 7th.

According to a despatch from Ottawa Victory Loan purchases by Tuesday night would be past the minimum quota subscriptions for Monday at \$40,360,750. Monday "Canada Life Assurance Co. subscribed \$11,000,000. Total subscriptions up to Monday night for the Dominion was \$75,113,350 from 720,230 subscribers.

It is said that in certain quarters outside Canada people have been led to believe that Canada's war effort is much less than it really is.

Just so long as we can carry on with this conscience we should be too busy to worry what others are thinking of us. At the same time, the nation which in the last war gave the lives of 50,000 young men and received back tens of thousands more who were sick and wounded, can not relish the thought that, and outsiders should consider Canada a slacker in the new world effort to preserve freedom.

Borey should make use of our effort. Only very occasionally does a responsible minister lift the curtain for a moment and reveal to the world the gigantic proportions of the material which flows steadily from Canadian shores to the various fields of battle. Only the Navy, the army and the Air Force have known the full story of the feverish activity among the members of Canada's armed forces. But there is one other part of this war effort which is an open book to the world—and that is the staggering totals of money being poured into the war effort from people through taxation and through loans not only to equip our own forces but those of our allies.

In this Second Victory Loan Canadians again have an opportunity not only to do their duty for their sake but to oversubscribe the loan to such extent that outsiders may say "What an effort by a country of only 11,000,000 people!"

## RECRUITMENT OF ALLIED FORCES IN CANADA

For sometime past, the allied governments of Poland, Norway, the Netherlands, Belgium, and Czechoslovakia, have been calling up their own nationals in Canada for military service. Following elements and, in most cases, a brief preliminary training period in Canada, groups of recruits have been going forward regularly to the United Kingdom to join the main formations of their own allied force now on active service overseas.

Up to the present recruitment in Canada for each of these allied forces has been restricted to nationals of the allied country concerned. Canadian nationals and other British subjects have not been eligible to volunteer for enlistment with these allied forces. From time to time, however, individual cases have arisen where naturalized Canadians formerly of Polish, Norwegian, Netherlands, Belgian or Czechoslovak nationality have sought to volunteer for active service with the allied forces of their former country. Further cases have arisen where Canadian citizens of dual nationality, i.e. persons who

are both Canadian nationals and nationals of one of these allied countries, have sought admission to an allied force.

As a result of a recent decision of the Canadian authorities, however, naturalized Canadians who were formerly nationals of one of these Allied countries are now permitted, if they so desire, to volunteer for service with one of the allied forces. It has also been agreed that persons of these two main categories now serving with the Canadian armed forces may be permitted to transfer to one of these allied forces, providing such individuals themselves desire to be transferred, and providing the commanding officer of the applicant for transfer agrees that such action will not adversely affect the Canadian war effort.

In future, therefore, such persons, who for personal reasons would prefer to serve with an allied formation with which they may feel more closely associated, will be eligible to volunteer for active service with one of the allied formations.

## FROM THE FILES OF GLEICHEN CALL TWENTY YEARS AGO

F. E. Pohl is attending the blacksmith convention in Calgary this week.

Felix Jones expects to leave for Washington in a few days. There is great happiness at Mr. James Young's home. It's a GIRL—at last. Born at the Gleichen Private Hospital on Friday, February 24. Mr. and Mrs. F. K. McKay arrived home last Friday from Vancouver where they have been enjoying a month's holiday and evidently had a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Henderson returned to Gleichen Monday after a pleasant month's stay in Vancouver and other western cities.

About 3 a.m. Sunday Gleichen was the scene of another serious conflagration, when members of two families escaped in their night clothing and fire did damage in the neighborhood a \$60,000, completely razed the Gleichen Mercantile Co. and the Gleichen Furnishing Co. blocks with their entire contents. The first alarm of the fire was given by Baby Allen, whose coughing caused by the smoke awakened her parents, who had apartments over the furniture store. They by turn aroused Mr. and Mrs. Eggle and the two families escaped in their night clothing. Barefooted the two families made a dash for a block to F. E. McKay's residence from where the alarm was raised. This is the biggest fire since 1916 when the hardware store and harness shop were consumed on Crowfoot Street.

## THE WORLD OF WHEAT

By H. G. Strang.

Canada, Great Britain, the United States and the United Nations, are in grave danger. That is the only conclusion I can come to from studying carefully the military situation. I fear we are, all of us, not yet sufficiently alarmed about our danger. The truth is we can lose this war, and we certainly at the moment are not winning it.

But this war simply must be won. I lived in the mid-Pacific among the Japanese for ten years, and I know that for long they have had their eyes on this country. At least ten million people from over-crowded Japan would like to settle on our fertile lands. It needs little imagination to realize what then would happen to our white farming families!

We can win this war, however, but I will take larger armed forces, more planes, guns, shells, tanks and other equipment—much more. These weapons, of course, have to be purchased and paid for, and so vast sums of money, too, are required.

Everyone, therefore, who purchases a Victory Bond is helping Canada to win this war. It is the duty of the United Nations to stand up against the Axis and so eventually to win a victory that will free us from the waiting grinding mass of the Nazis and of the Oriental Japanese.

## STANDARD KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS ENTERTAIN FRIENDS

(By special correspondent)  
Dress suits and prospectors outfits, crinolines and bustles, Indians and trappers mingled in gay abandon in the Mamoute Salon, on Monday and Wednesday evenings of last week when the Knights of Pythias, Pioneer Lodge No. 31, Standard, staged a "Trail of '98" costume party in its lodge room.

The interior of the hall had been transformed into an old time saloon and dance hall, complete with all manner of games of chance, bar and snappy fortune teller.

Madam Call and Noall, seer, numerologist and palmist, found no difficulty in forecasting the future and was able even to tell quite a tale of the future to the many guests who sought her advice and counsel. At intervals during the evening several entertainers delighted the guests. In the finale, from her vantage point on top of the piano, was especially good in her version of "After the Ball." Grandpa and Grandpa Hokus from Little Rock Arkansas, were very amusing in their song and dance. Several performers in the evening were very realistic in their "The Shooting of Dan McGrew."

Old time music was supplied by local musicians, who also played for the "Hoe-down" on Wednesday evening.

Miss Daniel McGowan and Miss Rissella Kidd added greatly to the amusement and pleasure of the evening with their sweet feminine charm and wit.

It was a difficult task for the judges to make a decision as to the best costumes, so varied were the styles and so numerous was the costume. Miss Esther Castella in green brocade was the ladies choice for Monday evening, while Mr. Jim Poulsen won gentlemen's first prize, dressed in formal attire of the 1880s period. Wednesday evening, Mrs. E. Hammy carried off the honors. She wore an old time sordid wedding dress with bustle, high buttoned shoes and in keeping with her costume Elmer Wirt as a typical prospector, in checked shirt, high boots, a scabbard and holster, and a slouch hat, won the gentlemen's prize for the best costume.

Prizes were also awarded both evenings for the lady or gentleman with the greatest amount of bogus money in their possession at a specified time. Wagers were made and bets placed too on the hour and minute when the ice would break in the checkered shirt. Stage prizes were awarded to those guessing approximately the correct time.

Mr. J. B. Dochamps acted as the great proprietor of the Mamoute Salon. Frank Gibson was the "Arm of the Law," and Jonathan Wheatley played the part of "Judge" Mr. Smith was the lawyer defending the "Prisoners before the Bar." As master of ceremonies and originator of the very novel entertainment credit goes to F. D. Knowlton, secretary of the lodge, Knights of Pythias.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Editor Call:

I was an proud of being able to have a talk with Mrs. E. Walker, who farms a few miles north of town, regarding her son, Flying Officer James Walker, who is stationed in Aden, the hottest spot on earth, and who there is not a sign of vegetation. What water they have to drink is carried by the sea and carried by camels to earthward chattle which are porous and has a tendency to keep it cool after sun down. Mecca is Arabia's chief city, the holy place of the Mohammedans.

I was a little closer to the sea than where Jim is. The desert being better suited for aircraft of which there were none when I was in Aden. Being an artillery man, I was stationed at Steamer Point which has forts like Gibraltar, with 12 and 16 inch guns. I went down from England to take charge of range finding work a job that had to be kept up to a high level.

There was a Presbyterian medical mission hospital out where Jim Walker is and one of the mission-

aries used to preach to us every Sunday and I happened to be one of the choir members. Our dress code was white and not much thicker than cheese cloth. The reason I was there so long was the Boer war started in October 1899 when we were about to sail for Gibraltar so all shifts were stopped and we had to put in two more years. It very seldom rained there probably once in five years.

I just wrote these few lines to let some of your readers know what kind of a place Jim is in, trusting he will have good health and come home safe.

CAPT. GRANT Craiglander.

## NOTES FROM LOCAL RED CROSS ROOM

(Mrs. S. E. Dafos Convenor)

War time Red Cross branches are organized primarily to make comforts for the fighting forces, comforts for war victims and to assist with hospital supplies. There is another purpose however, and that is for our own benefit—in helping through the medium of Red Cross the women of this country are receiving unparalleled benefits by keeping up their morale in feeling that they too are doing something to help. Failing this many women would be wretchedly unhappy on the thought that we, having to stay at home can do nothing, while others are giving so much.

The work room is open every Monday afternoon and evening and Wednesday evening.

Mr. U. Lawrence, manager of the Crown Lumber Co. has kindly consented to direct the salvage campaign. I Gleichen and he has enlisted the assistance of the Cubs to collect your articles.

## MISS M. WRIGHT WRITES OF TRIP TO CAPETOWN, S.A.

(Continued from last issue)


So thoughtfully I climbed into the small van and soaped myself all over the head and neck the water over me. All this was done standing up, too. They do have showers, but the taps are the kind that spring back into place and you really need four or five hands to navigate properly. Really I'm telling you, you haven't lived till you travel on an Egyptian boat.

Oh, I forgot to tell you that about 4 a.m. the boy brings you a glass of orange juice or tea and biscuits. It would have gained about 40 pounds but my clothes still fit me, so far. The way are lots of fun and it is not so spend most of the time giggling over something or other. By the way one of the Spanish boys on board who can't speak a word of English wrote me some of the most soul rending poetry in Spanish and I had to have it translated for me. I was all thrills and duck bumps. You never saw such a romantic bunch in your life.

We stopped off at Trinidad for a day and it was very hot and muggy but awfully interesting. Our party was broken up into small groups and entertained by different English soldiers on the island. We stopped at Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, on Dec. 3rd. The Canadian Commissioner and his wife and an English major looked after us. We had a drive around town and the trees and flowers are simply wonderful. We saw poinsettias there, whole masses of red bloom lime trees, banana trees, coconuts and many others, the names I don't know. The women carry everything on their heads. Some of them have huge baskets of fruit and laundry and even small things like books and glasses. The people are olive complexioned and some are darker—we saw some lovely looking girls.

The stores were all open, no glass windows, and at night they are closed with iron gratings. The breezes blow through them all the time. The stores we went into seemed to be an awful jumble of things but the clerks who speak English know what I want and we waited. It was so good to see Xmas things in a country where we were so used to in the heat.

The houses are rather flimsy looking (Continued on another page)



### New or Additional COST OF LIVING BONUS Prohibited Without Permission

Order of National War Labour Board to Employers and Employees:

An employer who was not paying his employees a cost of living bonus prior to February 15, 1942, may not start to pay such a bonus on or after that date, nor may an employer who has been paying such a bonus now increase it unless he has specific permission from a War Labour Board.

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**MISS M. WRIGHT**  
ing and are decorated with a great deal of fancy woodwork like fretwork, all in green and scrolls and painted every imaginable color. We happened to land there at the end of the rainy season and in the few hours we were on land it poured at least four times. I mean it really poured, too. The stores have sort of shelves over them that come to the edge of the sidewalk and when it rains all the people duck under those shelters. The streets and sidewalks are very narrow and funny little tram cars like the Rosensville Trolley in the funny paper run up and down the streets.

Our next stop was at Pernambuco, South America and it was really more exciting as it is quite a large place and the English element is entirely missing. Here it is really different. We landed at this place on December 18th. In the afternoon we went down town and spent from about 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. looking at the shops and doing a little buying. The people speak Portuguese which was a bit of a handicap but between grunting and making signs and trying to think up the old French word we had a lot of

fun. In the evening four of us went ashore with two of the officers on the boat and two of the Pernambuco agents. They could all speak the language and we got along famously. We went to several drinking places—I don't know what they call them, but everyone has a wonderful time and they make an awful lot of noise. Then we went to the Grande Hotel and watched them play at the roulette wheels and casino, they had several other games but they were beyond us. They go so fast that it is quite a job to follow them. One of the men in our party made about \$20 which partly paid for the evening, but it was very seldom that anyone wins. The bank gets most of the profits. Then from there we went to a place called the Imperial Casino, it was a sort of a night club. We stayed there till the small hours and had a good taste of Brazilian night life. The orchestra was marvellous and they had several singers and a man who played the violin. Mostly men go to these places but we had our own party so it was all right for us to go. The dancing was grand but I couldn't make out some of the tangles. We weren't allowed to wear uniform in Pernambuco—everyone had to wear

civilian clothing. Some of the girls didn't have anything except slacks and this is one of the things that is really frowned on here. I was sure glad I had a few summer dresses with me. The girls that did wear slacks were stared at so much that it was quite embarrassing and one party was refused entrance into the Grande Hotel. I suppose they thought we were more of the "crazy Americans."

People really seem to enjoy themselves in these places, it is rather hard for me to describe them but there is so much freedom—everyone shouts and talks and laughs all the time and the noise is something to hear. However as one of our men said, "Meer here you see the true Brazilian atmosphere."

At four o'clock that place closed so we went several miles out of town, through streets of queer little plaster houses painted every color imaginable, to one of the beaches and had fish, potatoes, fried tomatoes, onions and olives, in a queer little inn with bluebirds painted all over the inside of the walls. I asked for coffee to drink and then water and everybody laughed at me.

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## ITEMS OF INTEREST OF THE TOWN AND DISTRICT

A large number of friends attended the serenade held Friday night at the Meadowbrook Hall in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Stott who were recently married.



Ion Bond has resigned his position as manager of Shoppie Store. He has been succeeded by Mr. Hanger of Calgary.

John Rouche returned to town during the week end on furlough. John graduated last week as a wireless air gunner and is now a sergeant.

Wm. Dunlop, a resident of Eventide Home died Saturday. The funeral will take place this afternoon. Mr. Dunlop is survived by two sons both of whom live in Calgary.

Charles Allen of Barons, aged 81 years died at Eventide Home last week. He was born in Manchester, England and came to Canada about 30 years ago. The funeral took place Friday afternoon with Major J. Sutherland and other Salvation Army officials officiating after which interment was made in Eventide cemetery.

The Canadian post office department advises that all Easter messages, greetings and parcels to our armed forces in the United Kingdom

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Rev. L. T. Pearson B.A., (Inauguration.)

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